

“System and Method Enabling Future Messaging Directives Based on
Post Participation via a History Monitor”

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0102] A system and method for controlling the flow of documents by associating

5 Globally Unique Identifiers with each original document, each reply document, each
copy document and each forwarded document, such as email messages. Historical
analysis is performed on a locally stored history records containing the Globally
Unique Identifiers extracted from received documents to determine which recipients
are active participants and which are inactive participants, according to user

10 preferences and thresholds. Lists for direct recipients (e.g. "To" list), carbon copy
recipients, and blind copy recipients are automatically proposed to a user of a
document handling system when authoring a new document, replying to a document,
or forwarding a document, according to the results of the historical participation
analysis, thereby stemming information flow to participants who are not active in an

15 *ad hoc* asynchronous conversation.